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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: THE ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN RELATIONS

1. THE HISTORICAL ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA IS A PROOF OF THE ABILITY OF KINSHASA AND LUANDA OFFICIALS TO SETTLE THEIR CONFLICTS" AND TO INAUGURATE AN ERA OF PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO ZAIRE OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN, AZAP, FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL AUGUST 7. COMMENTARY INDICATES THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY SUSPICION AND MISUNDERSTANDING, AND THE SLIGHTEST MOVE BY ONE COUNTRY HAS BEEN INTERPRETED BY THE OTHER AS AN HOSTILE ACT.

2. COMMENTARY DESCRIBES THIS ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC TIES AS BEING SOMEWHAT UNIQUE. "UNLIKE OTHER NORMALIZATIONS OF RELATIONS WHICH ARE A CONSEQUENCE OF SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS" MARKING THE END OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN PARTIES INVOLVED, CONTINUES EDITORIAL, "THE PRESENCE OF THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR IN LUANDA DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL PROBLEMS BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA HAVE BEEN SOLVED". AZAP SAYS, ON THE CONTRARY, THAT THE MOVE

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IS A NEW APPROACH AND "REFLECTS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO SETTLE THEIR PROBLEMS BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS".

3. "THE NEW AWARENESS ON THE PART OF ANGOLANS AND ZAIRIANS ON THEIR TRUE INTERESTS AND THE NEW POLITICAL ATTITUDE IN AFRICA ARE FAVORABLE FACTORS WHICH WILL CAUSE KINSHASA

AND LUANDA TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER DESPITE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES", CONCLUDES COMMENTARY.
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